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TOPIC Finsterwalde Airfield

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EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT 6 November to 4 December 1952

DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 14 January 1953

REFERENCES

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PAGES 4 ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. Air activity observed at Finsterwalde airfield during the period from 6 November through 2 December included:

6 and 11 November. There was no flying.

12 November. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., individual jet bombers made six-minute training flights with extended landing gears.

21 November. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., some flights by jet bombers were observed. There was a 5/10 overcast at an altitude of 200 to 300 meters. Visibility was about 1,500 meters. There was no more flying until 2 December.

1 December. About 3 p.m., seven jet bombers and seven Pe-2s were seen at the field. Three caterpillar tractors towing snowplows were clearing the runway of snow. <sup>1</sup>

2. No guns or activities were noticed at the AAA emplacement at the north side of the field. The silhouettes of 5 x 85-mm AA guns lined up along the fence were clearly seen immediately east of this emplacement. A tent about 3 1/2 meters high was noticed between the guns. A double sentry was posted beside the tent. <sup>2</sup>

3. According to a local resident, the building with the two conspicuous smokestacks in the southeastern curve of the spur track of the field houses the heating installation for the hangars. Bath tubs and an EM kitchen are reportedly also available at this building. <sup>3</sup>

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5. Incoming and outgoing military shipments observed at the field during the period from 9 through 29 November included:

Date in November	Number of Railroad Cars involved	Load	From	To
12	6 tank cars	200, 200, 265, 220, 300 and 265 hectoliters of naphtha	Riesa	25X1B
15	3 box cars 3 box cars	potatoes	Luckau and Ukro-South	Unit Breilovsky 25X1B
18	6 box cars	18 gasoline burn- ing weld- ing sets on trailers	Kellberg Firm in Finsterwalde	25X1B

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21	8 tank cars	300, 300, 240, 200, 180, 300, 240 hecto- liters of naphtha	Riesa	25X1B	[REDACTED]
	1 box car	ration supply	Cottbus		Unit Breilovsky
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25	8 gondola cars	brown coal briquettes	Klettwitz		Unit Pavlov
	5 gondola cars	?	Klettwitz		Red Army
	1 gondola car	brown coal briquettes	Klettwitz		Unit Pavlov
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25X1B	1 boxcar	oil drums (?)	[REDACTED]		Strelitz
25X1B	31 boxcars 5 flatcars	timber 1 37-mm AA gun 1 motorcycle 1 field kitchen 6 artillery pieces and about 150 per- sonnel wearing fur caps	[REDACTED]	25X1B	[REDACTED]

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6. On 21 November, source observed 6 x 37-mm guns at the AAA emplacement on both sides of the spur track between the runway and the hangars. The guns were covered with tarpaulins. A guard was posted beside each gun. On 28 November, when a train had left for Welzow, the AAA emplacement was vacated.

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8. There was no flying at the field from 13 through 20 November and from 22 November through 4 December. At 1 p.m. on 21 November, a jet bomber was observed firing at a ground target near Hennesdorfer Berg. 1

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Comment. Flying activity at the field was unusually light during the period from 6 November through 4 December. It is unknown, whether this was due to unfavorable weather conditions. The number of aircraft observed at the installation does not correspond to the aircraft equipment of the two bomber regiments, which are still believed to be equipped with about 12 IL-28s and at least 15 Pe-2s. Hennesdorfer Berg is the highest elevation in the vicinity of the field.

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2. Comment. This information indicates that the AAA battery at the northern edge of the field slightly changed its position. The AAA battery previously observed in the southeastern curve of the spur track moved to Welzow on 28 November.

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Comment. The utilization of this building, which is the easternmost building of the installations at the south side of the field, has been reported for the first time. The information is believed to be correct.

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Comment. For key to numerical designation of military installations at Finsterwalde, see

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